

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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Drew D. Perkins et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 2616
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Application No.: 10/712,732	)	Examiner: Pham, Brenda H.
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Filed: November 12, 2003	)	
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR	)	Confirmation No.: 9275
DEPLOYING FORWARD ERROR	)	
CORRECTION IN OPTICAL	)	
TRANSMISSION NETWORKS	)	
AND THE DEPLOYMENT OF	)	
PHOTONIC INTEGRATED	)	
CIRCUIT (PIC) CHIPS WITH THE	)	
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action having a Notification Date of September 15, 2008, the period for response to which has been extended through January 15, 2009, by a fee payment filed contemporaneously herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.